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With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

VIDEO DATA COMPRESSION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SAME

Continuing Application

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
of prior application serial no. 08/909,448, filed August 11, 1997.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate predecessor.]

The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION.

The following are enclosed:

Specification (62 pages)

16 Sheet(s) of Drawings

34 Claim(s) (including 8 independent claim(s))

This application contains a multiple dependent claim

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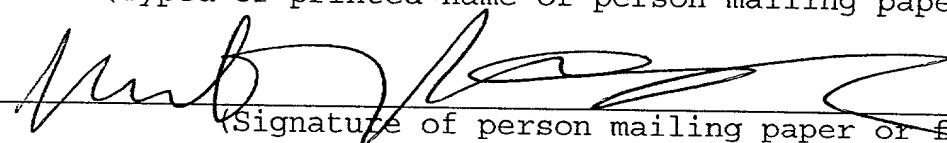
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